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LGBTQIA+ History Month Online Series

All three events start at 7 pm EDT. Cost: \$50; free for any ELCA seminary student.

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Queer and Rostered: Thriving in the ELCA

Being a queer rostered leader in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America can be both deeply rewarding and uniquely challenging. Many queer pastors and deacons find great joy in serving authentically, bringing the fullness of their identities into ministry, and offering visible witness to God's inclusive love. Their presence often provides hope and affirmation to LGBTQ+ members, seekers, and young people discerning their own vocations.

At the same time, queer rostered leaders may face challenges such as navigating differing levels of acceptance across congregations and communities, managing the emotional labor of representation, and responding to prejudice or misunderstanding both within and beyond the church.

Despite these challenges, many describe their ministry as a powerful testament to the diverse gifts God calls into service for the sake of the Gospel. This three-part online series invites LGBTQ+ rostered leaders into a time of learning and conversation. All sessions are 7 – 8:30 pm, EDT.

Speakers



Rev. Mo Goff:

“Existence is Resistance: Rooted in Queer Faith” October 12



Rev. Dean Teresa Smallwood:

“Queer Folx and the Power of Intersectionality” October 19



A Panel of Queer Bishops featuring Donna Simon, Kevin Strickland, Jeff Johnson, Erik Christensen, Jen Nagel, Nathan Pipho, and Brenda Bos. October 26